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JOHN W. MEARS, Editor. TRIUMPHS OF CHRISTIANITY IN OUR AGE.

REVIVALS, successful missionary enterprises, beneficence on a great scale, civil governments brought into being, moulded and influenced by Christianity, these are some of the great results of the Gospel in our day.

Without any restraint of enclousres, bolts, or locks, holding them by the attraction of his own genial Christian nature, Wichern governed and moulded these unlovely, wild creatures, until strong ties grew up between them and their new home.

On the 8th of November the first three boys came; by the end of December there were twelve. They varied in age from five years up to eighteen; their variations in view were not so great, they were uniformly bad.

skirts of the cloud that was blank darkness before. Since the Acts of the Apostles were published to the world, there have appeared no records of Christian labors more arduous, or of the triumphs of the Gospel more signal or more blessed, than those detailing the efforts of the last quarter century, for the recovery of the young among these lost masses of our Christian populations.

When admittance was sought again and again by others into the already full house, the recipients received with enthusiasm the proposal that they themselves should build.

In 1842 the city of Hamburg was destroyed by a four days' conflagration; and in the universal confusion and terror, while bands of robbers were plundering the miserable sufferers, these restored outcasts not only remained faithful to the trust reposed in them, but received the public thanks of the Senate for their help in putting out the fire.

And all this, and much more that we have not space to tell of, is the growth of ardent, healthful, evangelized piety. "Jesus Christ," says Wichern, "is the founder of the Rough House."

ligion from the charge of degeneracy made upon it by its foes, and half-credited by its timorous friends.

THE RELIGIOUS PAPER IN EVERY FAMILY.

THERE is no surer way of obviating the necessity, now pressing so closely upon us, of raising the price of our paper, than a general effort on the part of pastors and subscribers to place it in every family in our congregations.

In the effort to supply all the families of a congregation, we will help by presenting every eighth newspaper to the congregation, or by sending it free to any one whom they may designate.

PASTORAL LETTER OF THE SYNOD OF MICHIGAN.

THE Synod of Michigan at its recent meeting appointed a Committee, Dr. Duffield chairman, to draft a pastoral letter, which was presented by the Committee and adopted.

Such a military necessity, produced by the rebellion, has absolved the government of the United States from any obligations of compact or constitution in relation to the slaves in the seceding States.

It is indeed true that the rebellion is also an usurpation of despotic tyranny, irresistibly exercised over many loyal citizens of the Southern States, who prefer the Federal to the Confederate constitution, and who are in the possession of their rights relative to the protection of the Federal government.

(For the American Presbyterian.)

A NEW WAY TO GET A PARISH.

WE are friendly to all lawful ways of propagating the Gospel; but as it must be, with a view to promote peace and good-will, we can scarcely endorse a method of propagation which we find adopted in a notice published editorially in one of our religious papers.

"A REQUEST.—Will some of our readers give us the name of a good man in or about Oshkosh, Wis., who is desirous of having a United Presbyterian church organized there? We wish it for the purpose of putting him in communication with a first class minister of our church, who for personal reasons, would wish to locate there, or in some such Western place."

It would be paying double to the locatee to introduce a discord into a peaceful neighborhood for the sake of supplying an unemployed minister, though of the "first class," with a home.

BE COURTEOUS.

Scribes.—Subscribers in want of Parlor Stoves are confidently recommended to try SILVER'S GAS CONSUMERS, as a highly economical and clearly arted. Messrs. Preston & Mahood, 1712-Market street, have just put up one for us which gives entire satisfaction. See their Advertisement.

EFFICIENCY OF OUR CHURCH.—III.

OUR Church has seemed to lack efficiency because it has suffered. But our studies into Church-history at large have been vain, if that properly teaches that the Church is only efficient when it is outwardly prosperous.

When the Presbyterian Church of this country was revolutionized, and its most precious constitutional guarantees were thrown to the winds, by the secession of the Southern States, the Church was left in a state of confusion and disorganization.

PROPOSED WEEK OF SPECIAL PRAYER, JANUARY, 4-11, 1863.

FORMER invitations to observe a Week of Special and United Prayer at the beginning of the year have met with a very extensive and hearty response.

Monday, January 5.—Humble Confession of our manifold sins: as Individuals, Families, Churches, and Nations. Prayer for the Lord's blessing on the Services of the week.

Tuesday, January 6.—The Conversion of the Ungodly: Especially those of our own Families and Congregations—Larger success to all the means employed for the Evangelization of different Classes of the Population, and for checking every form of vice and immorality.

Wednesday, January 7.—Increased Spirituality and Holiness in the Children of God: Leading to their closer union and sympathy with each other, and their more marked separation from the world—a richer baptism of the Holy Spirit on all Ministers and their fellow-laborers in Christian lands, to quicken their love and zeal, and make them "wise in souls"—a blessing upon all Seminaries of sound learning and religious education—a large increase of devotedness, self-denial, and liberality on the part of the people at large.

Thursday, January 8.—The Conversion of the Jews—the more extensive and successful Preaching of the Gospel among the Heathen—the revival of pure Christianity among the Ancient Churches of the East—the overthrow of every form of anti-Christian error—the comforting and liberation of them who are in bonds for the Gospel's sake—the prevalence of Peace among all Nations—a blessing upon the souls of all Brethren and Sisters engaged in Missionary labor, among Heathen and other unenlightened populations.

Friday, January 9.—The Word of God: The universal recognition of its Divine inspiration and authority—the power of the Holy Spirit to accompany its circulation and perusal. The Lord's Day: The acknowledgment of its sanctity and obligation—a blessing upon all efforts for promoting its better observance at Home and on the Continent.

whether it ever would be. Their own vote, added, at one time, by a most questionable manœuvre to that of the radical men of the body, failed to procure the passage of the only measure looking like violence which was before the body.

"This reformatory moderation" says Rev. Dr. Patterson, in his sermon before the Assembly at Pittsburgh, "has driven from us extreme men on either side; while our brethren on either hand have profited numerically by considerable accessions from our ranks."

SOUTH-WESTERN CHURCH.

THE Rev. Jas. McCaskie, Pastor of the South-Western Church, requests us to acknowledge the following donations towards the payment of the debt on his church, viz: From the North Broad Street Church, Thomas Potter, \$50.00; Rev. E. Adams, \$10.00; S. S. Townsend, \$5.00; Mr. Terry, \$5.00; B. D. Stewart, \$2.00; Cash from S. T., \$5.00; Cash from Mr. B., \$20.00; A. Whildin, \$20.00; E. Patteson, \$5.00; Cash in small sums, \$17.00. Total, \$157.00.

It was evident, six weeks afterward, at the memorable meeting in regard to the inadequacy of their reasons for the debt, that the Southern members realized the violence which they were about to perpetrate. Their leading Synod had declared the Assembly guilty of an act of injustice up to the hilt, and it was doubtful

Our Church News.

CITY CHURCHES.—The Pastor of one of the city churches which have contributed to the fund for sending the American Presbyterian to the soldiers, informs us that one of the volunteers to whom he had written and sent a paper, wrote back that he had concluded since his enlistment to give his heart to the Saviour, and, if spared to return, would cast in his lot with the people of God in that Church.

AN UNPLEASANT AND FATAL ACCIDENT befell the workman on the walls of North Broad Street Church on Friday the 5th. The arch over the pulpit in the rear wall of the building, with the superincumbent structure of stone-work composing the gable end, gave way and a large portion of it fell to the ground.

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CHURCH ERECTION AND PUBLICATION IN IOWA.—Iowa City, December 2nd, 1862.—The Synod of Iowa, at its last Session, appointed a Committee of Church erection, to receive all applications for the Assembly's Fund for Church erection, which may be addressed to Rev. Geo. D. A. Hebard, Iowa City, who is the Secretary of that Committee; also all applications for the Synodical Church Erection Fund may be sent to his care.

A Depository of Hymn-books and Catechisms, with Almanacs, Sunday School Library and other Publications of the Assembly's Committee, is now open at the Store of J. G. Fink, Clinton Street, Iowa City, at Philadelphia prices.

ORDINATION.—At a meeting of the Presbytery of Chicago in Lake Forest, Illinois, Nov. 18th, 1862, Mr. Aurelian H. Post was ordained as evangelist. The exercises were as follows:—Sermon, Rev. R. W. Patterson, D.D.; the constitutional questions were put to the candidate by Rev. G. L. Little; ordaining prayer, Rev. Baxter Dickinson, D.D.; charge to the candidate, Rev. J. Ambrose Wright.

THE APPROACH OF CHRISTMAS is, as usual, hailed with the promise of new and entertaining books. Carleton, of New York, announces Al-drich's Poems, in "blue and gold," with a fine steel portrait; a new poem by Stoddard, The King's Bell; Marian Grey, by the popular author of "Lena Rivers;" Shakespeare and Characters, by Hackett, the Comedian; a very amusing autobiography (with numerous illustrations) entitled Drifting About, from the pen of Stephen Masset, the illustrious "Jeems Pipes of Pipeville;" etc., etc.

THE best religious book of the season thus far, has been issued by Messrs. R. Carter & Brother; "PRAYING AND WORKING" by Rev. W. F. Stevenson, Dublin. It is mainly a series of biographies of those remarkable Christian laborers in Germany, who have illustrated and vindicated so triumphantly the power of the Gospel when embraced and wielded in humble faith and earnest loving labors, to save both the dead masses in our nominally Christian countries and to carry light and salvation to the end of the heathen world.

PARISH PAPERS by Norman Macleod, D.D. These papers are on a great variety of subjects as: Thoughts on Christianity; Thoughts on Final Judgment; on a Future Life; Future Punishment; Revivals etc. The one on the Progress of Missions is full of valuable and highly encouraging statistics. The thoughts are simple and pleasingly expressed, and furnish profitable matter for reflection. New York; R. Carter & Brothers; Presbyterian Book Store.

HANNAH MORE, OF LIFE IN HALL AND COTTAGE.—Mrs. H. C. Knight, well-known among the writers for the American Tract Society has just transferred to that organization her Life of Hannah More revised for the purpose. It will be found full of interest especially to Christian women; though its portraits of eminent characters of that period will commend it to universal attention. 12mo. pp. 282, with portrait and vignette. For sale by H. N. Thissell, 929 Chestnut street.

WE have received from Mr. Thissell: THE FAMILY TESTAMENT AND PSALMS with notes, maps and tables; large 18mo. pp. 810; cloth 70 cents, postage 20 cents. The Tract Society has added to its list the following valuable and attractive books for the young: HARRY, THE SAILOR BOY; 119 pages, 18mo. STEPS UP THE LADDER; 103 pages, 18mo. GRACE ABBOTT; 95 pages, 18mo. 25 cents each, or 85 cents gilt.

THE STUDENT'S HISTORY OF FRANCE is one of that capital series of histories bearing the distinguishing title, "Student's," which now embraces Greece, by Smith (of "Smith's Antiquities"); Rome by Liddell; Gibbons abridged and revised by Smith; Hume abridged, and France, now before us. By whom the two last have been prepared we know not. The History of France is clearly and succinctly written from the invasion of Julius Cæsar; the sympathies of the writer are with Protestantism and freedom. The volume is well gotten up; the illustrations being valuable for their truthfulness at least to the times to which they mostly refer; many of them being copied from contemporary engravings and from medals. It is accompanied with a very full index.—Sm. 8vo, pp. 780 New York; Harper & Brothers. Philadelphia; J. B. Lippincott & Co.